

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of  
**KENNETH J. SPEAR, et al.**

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Title: HOSE STORAGE DEVICE



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Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please enter the following  
amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before line 1, please insert - The present application claims  
priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/043,968, filed April 22,  
1997, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/032,219, filed December 2,  
1996.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

--24. (New) A hose storage device as defined in claim 1, wherein said  
supporting frame structure has ridges defining said upwardly facing supporting  
surfaces, said ridges being positioned such that downwardly facing stacking